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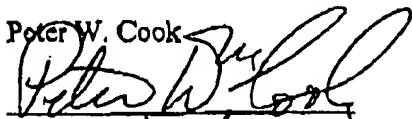
Peter W. Cook and Stanley E. Schuster declare as follows:

1. We are the inventors of the above-referenced application, and we have reviewed the Office Action dated 02 April 2004, and the reference cited as prior art, "Asynchronous Interlocked Pipelined CMOS Circuits Operating at 3.3-4.5GHz" appearing in *ISSCC 2000/Session 17/Logic and Systems/ Paper WA 17.3*, presented on February, 2000, and authored by Stanley Schuster, William Reohr, Peter Cook, David Heidel, Michael Immediato, Keith Jenkins (hereinafter the "Article").

2. The Article was published at the 2000 IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference. We are two of the six authors of the Article. The other four authors of the Article (William Reohr, David Heidel, Michael Immediato, Keith Jenkins) were working under our direction and supervision constructing and testing the subject matter described in the article. Any knowledge they had of the subject matter described in the article was derived from us.

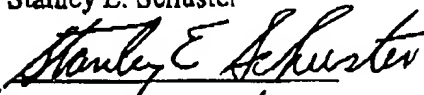
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